



City of Jacksonville

Building Safety Month, May 2015

Week 2
May 11-17

Bounce Back From Disaster - Build To Code

Disaster Safety & Mitigation

- Develop a family action plan and share with everyone in your family at least two exit routes from your home or neighborhood to a designated meeting place for your family.
- Create a disaster supply kit that will allow you to remain in your home after a disaster or for use after evacuating to a safer location.
- Stay tuned to radio, TV and NOAA Weather Radio for official updates and critical life saving weather information.
- Flooded roads could have significant damage hidden by floodwaters. Never drive through floodwaters or on flooded roads.
- In high wind or hurricane prone areas and don't have tested and code approved shutters for protection from windborne debris, consider temporarily protecting your doors and windows by mounting exterior grade, 7/16" minimum thickness plywood and fastening it into place.
- Secure lawn furniture and any other loose outdoor items that can become windborne and can cause injury or damage during storms with high winds.
- Consider building or retrofitting to create a tornado safe room in your home. Follow ICC/ NSSA 500 Standard for detailed information.
- Use Surge Protective Devices (SPD) in your home to protect electronic appliances from all but the most severe electrical surges or direct strikes.
- In wildfire prone areas, remove fine (dead grass, leaves, etc.) and coarse fuels (dead twigs, branches, etc.) within 30 feet of a building to create a survivable space in case of wildfire. Be sure to remove dry leaf and pine litter from roofs, rain gutters, decks and walkways. Follow ICC's International WildlandUrban Interface Code® for detailed requirements.
- Before winter sets in consider freeze-protection for water piping and exterior faucets.



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